

## PLUMBER & STEAMFITTERS' LOCAL UNION NO. 247

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KENNETH GORUM BUSINESS MANAGER DANNY WISE

November 30, 2015

Louisiana Board of Ethics P.O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Request for a waiver for Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund:

Please accept this letter as a request for waiver of assessment for the \$800.00 late charge filing fee of 30 P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report. Due to a staffing change in 2012 with office personnel the current secretary was not aware of any Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports due to the Louisiana Board of Ethics other than the annual reports that have been filed in a timely manner. This is an oversight on our part by not training and making aware the current personnel on all Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports with regard to their respective due dates.

If you have any questions please call Local 247 @ 318-442-9923.

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Kenneth Gorum, Business Manager

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## LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

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November 25, 2015

Local Two Forty Seven PAC Fund Kenneth Gorum, Chairperson 1211 Rapides Ave. Alexandria, LA 71301 CERTIFIED MAIL

NO. 70151520000288902604

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE:

Late fee assessment for October 24, 2015 Election

30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 25 days late

Dear Mr. Gorum:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$800 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

You have 20 days the receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Warvers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to Lu. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

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Melissa Horn